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Fig 1

START

205 ~ associate start time and end time with one or more rules
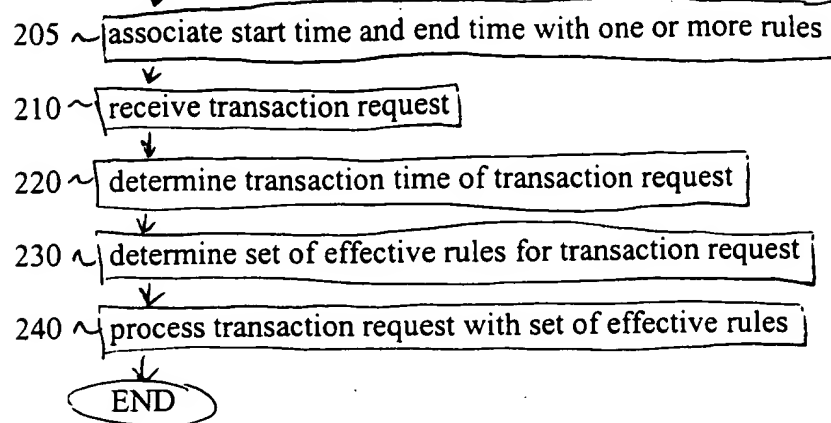
210 ~ receive transaction request

220 ~ determine transaction time of transaction request

230 ~ determine set of effective rules for transaction request

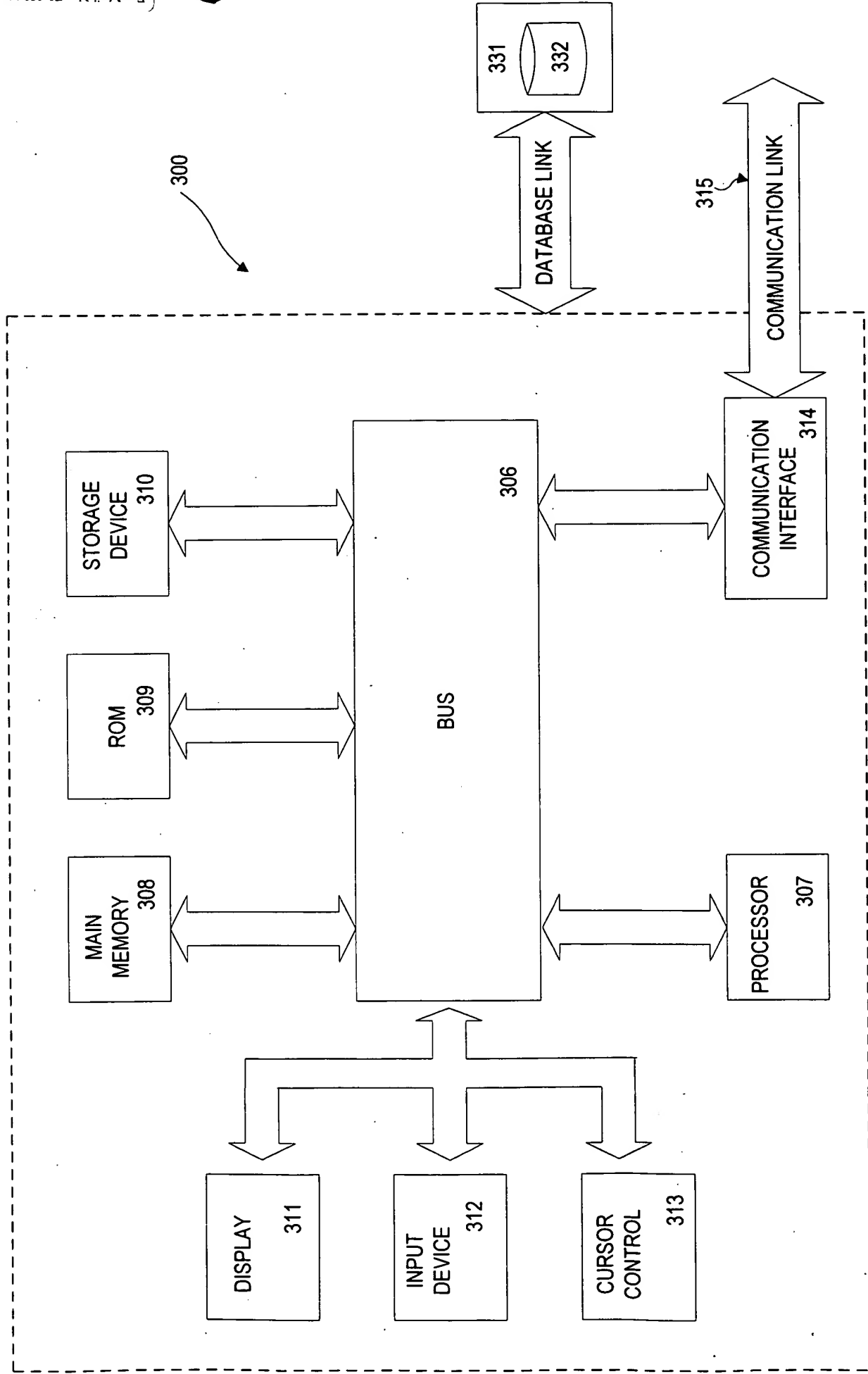240 ~ process transaction request with set of effective rules

END

Fig. 2

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FIG. 3

Effective Dates and Times

Effective: From 'date1' to 'date2' (date example: Aug 20, 2000)

From: 'May 1, 2000'   To: 'Dec 31, 2000'

OK   Cancel

Fig. 4A

Effective Dates and Times

Effective: Every day from 'time1' to 'time2' (time example: 8:48:19 AM)

From: '9:00 AM'   To: '5:00 PM'

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Fig. 4B